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SUBJ: REQUESTED CHECK ON BONA FIDES: AEROTRADE INTERNATIONAL INC.

1. DAO INFORMED BY CHILEAN MILITARY THAT ALLEGED US CITIZEN JOHN PETERSON REPRESENTING AEROTRADE INTERNATIONAL INC, MIAMI SPRINGS FLORIDA, HAS OFFERED US \$500 MILLION RPT \$500 MILLION TWENTY-YEAR CREDIT TO CHILE, WITH "UNLIMITED" YEARS' GRACE AT 8 - 9 PERCENT ANNUAL INTEREST ON DECLINING BALANCE. AS TEST OF OFFER LOCAL DEALER ASKED FOR 3 TO 5 RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AND 2 WARSHIPS WHICH AEROTRADE SAYS THEY HAVE FOUND ARE READY TO SHIP TO CHILE AGAINST CREDIT.

2. ACCORDING TO NOTARIZED RESUME OF AEROTRADE'S SCOPE OF OPERATIONS, AEROTRADE INTERNATIONAL INC (ALL) IS SUBSIDIARY OF AEROTRADE INC WHICH HAS FOUR OTHER SUBSIDIARIES OR AFFILIATES. ALL, ACCORDING TO RESUME, SELLS MUNITIONS, FIREARMS AND WEAPONS. CLAIMS TO ACT AS ARMS PROCUREMENT AGENT IN US FOR THREE FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND AS COMMERCIAL AGENT (AUTOMOBILES, AIR CONDITIONERS, ETC) FOR SIX FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

3. CHILEAN MILITARY UNDERSTANDABLY WARY OF OFFER BUT UNWILLING TO REJECT ANY LEGITIMATE OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO PROCURE MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT REQUESTED TO VERIFY ON

PRIORITY BASIS ALL'S BONA FIDES AND SERIOUSNESS OF FINANCING
OFFER OF THIS MAGNITUDE. (FYI WE HAVE ALREADY UNOFFICIALLY
INFORMED CHILEAN MILITARY WE FIND WHOLE STORY HARD TO BELIEVE.)
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